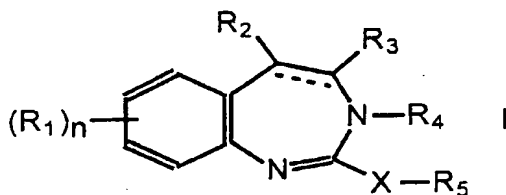


The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Benzodiazepine derivative~~ A benzodiazepine compound of formula I:



in which

the dashed lines indicate the possible presence of a double bond;

R₁ represents optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₈)alkyl, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₈)alkoxy, halogen, nitro, hydroxyl or (C₆-C₁₈)aryl, which is optionally ~~optionally~~ substituted with optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy, halogen, nitro or hydroxyl ~~hydroxyl~~;

n represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R₂ and R₃ represent, independently of each other, hydrogen; optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₈)alkyl; (C₁-C₁₈)alkoxy; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; heteroaryl; heteroaryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryloxy; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy; heteroaryloxy; or heteroaryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy; in which the aryl and heteroaryl portions of these radicals are optionally substituted with halogen, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, nitro or ~~and~~ hydroxyl;

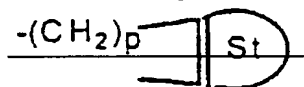
~~R₄ represents hydrogen, (C₁-C₁₈)alkyl or (C₆-C₁₈)aryl, the said aryl group optionally being substituted with halogen, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy, optionally halogenated~~

~~(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, nitro or hydroxyl;~~

X represents S, O or -NT in which T represents a hydrogen atom, (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, (C₆-C₁₈)aryl, (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl or (C₆-C₁₈)arylcarbonyl;

~~R₅ represents (C₁-C₁₈)alkyl; hydroxy(C₁-C₁₈)alkyl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; (C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; (C₅-C₁₂)cycloalkenyl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; heteroaryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; (C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl optionally substituted with oxo and optionally fused to (C₆-C₁₈)aryl, the assembly optionally being substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; a group -CH₂-CR_a=CR_bR_c (in which R_a, R_b and R_c are chosen, independently, from (C₁-C₁₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₁₈)alkenyl, hydrogen and (C₆-C₁₈)aryl); a group -CH_a-CO-Z (in which Z represents optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₈)alkyl; optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₈)alkoxy; (C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl; (C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl optionally substituted with oxo and optionally fused to (C₆-C₁₈)aryl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₈)alkyl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxycarbonylamino(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl in which alkyl is optionally substituted with (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl; (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; (C₆-C₁₀)aryl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl fused to an unsaturated heterocycle optionally substituted with oxo; or heteroaryl; the aryl, heterocycle, cycloalkyl and heteroaryl portions of these radicals optionally being substituted with halogen; hydroxyl; optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy; nitro; cyano; (C₁-C₁₂)alkylenedioxy; (C₁-C₁₂)alkylene; carboxy(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; (C₂-C₁₂)alkenyloxy; optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkylsulphonyloxy; cyano(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; -Cy-alk-NH-SO₂-Ar in which alk represents (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, Cy represents (C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below and Ar represents (C₆-C₁₈)aryl optionally substituted with one or more~~

~~substituents Su as defined below; alk-Cy in which alk and Cy are as defined above; (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy; (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; saturated heterocycle optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; (C₁-C₁₂)alkylcarbonyloxy; (C₁-C₁₂)alkylcarbonylamino; optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkylthio; (C₁-C₁₂)alkylcarbonyloxy(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy; a~~



~~group of formula:—~~

~~in which p = 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 and in which St is (C₆-C₁₈)aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl; (C₆-C₁₈)arylthio optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; (C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; Cy-CO-O-alk in which alk and Cy are as defined above; alk-Cy-alk'-NH-CO-alk'' in which alk and Cy are as defined above, alk' and alk'' represent, independently of each other, (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; -NR^o-CO-alk'-Het in which alk' is as defined above, R^o represents H or (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl and Het represents heteroaryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; di(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxyphosphoryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; or (C₆-C₁₈)aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; (C₆-C₁₈)aryloxy optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl fused to an unsaturated heterocycle optionally substituted on the heterocycle portion with oxo, the assembly optionally being substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; (C₆-C₁₈)arylsulphonyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl in~~

~~which aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; (C₆-C₁₈)arylecarbonyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as defined below; and~~

~~_____ A represents a hydrogen atom, a (C₆-C₁₈)aryl group optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su or (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl};~~

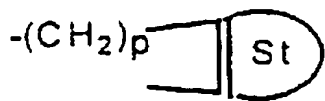
~~or alternatively~~

~~R₄ and R₅ together form a group -CR₆=CR₇- in which CR₆ is linked to X; and in which:~~

~~R₆ represents a hydrogen atom; (C₁-C₁₈)alkyl; (C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl; carboxy(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; heteroaryl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; or and heteroaryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; in which the aryl and heteroaryl portions of these radicals are optionally substituted with (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy, hydroxyl, nitro, halogen or di(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy-phosphoryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl;~~

~~R₇ represents a hydrogen atom; hydroxyl; di(C₁-C₁₂)alkylamino(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₈)alkyl; carboxyl; carboxy(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl optionally substituted with amino; (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl; heteroaryl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; ~~or~~ heteroaryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl fused to an unsaturated heterocycle, optionally substituted on the heterocycle portion with oxo; or (C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl; in which the aryl, heterocycle, cycloalkyl and heteroaryl portions of these radicals are optionally substituted with halogen; hydroxyl; hydroxy(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy; optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy; carboxyl; (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxycarbonyl; nitro; cyano; cyano(C₁-C₁₈)alkyl; (C₁-C₁₈)alkylcarbonyloxy; (C₂-C₁₂)alkylene; (C₁-C₁₂)alkylenedioxy; (C₁-C₁₂)alkylthio; (C₆-C₁₈)arylthio optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su as~~

~~defined above~~; di(C₁-C₁₂)alkylamino; a group of formula:



in which p = 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 and in which St represents (C₆-C₁₈)aryl; -alk-Cy-NH-SO₂-Ar in which alk represents (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, Cy represents (C₃-C₁₂)cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su ~~as defined below~~ and Ar represents (C₆-C₁₈)aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su ~~as defined below~~; ~~-Cy-alk-NH-SO₂-Ar in which Cy, alk and Ar are as defined above~~; ~~-alk-Cy in which alk and Cy are as defined above~~; ~~-alk-Cy-alk'-NH-CO-alk'' in which alk and Cy are as defined above and alk' and alk'' represent, independently, (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; di(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxyphosphoryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su ~~as defined below~~; (C₆-C₁₈)aryloxy optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su ~~as defined below~~; (C₆-C₁₈)arylcarbonyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su ~~as defined below~~; (C₆-C₁₈)arylsulphonyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su ~~as defined below~~; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy in which the aryl portion is optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su ~~as defined below~~; saturated heterocycle optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su ~~as defined below~~; (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents Su ~~as defined below~~;~~

Su is ~~chosen from~~ hydroxyl, halogen, cyano, nitro, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl or ~~and~~ optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy;

or alternatively R₆ and R₇ together form a C₃-C₁₂ alkylene chain optionally interrupted with a nitrogen atom which is optionally substituted with (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl or

(C₆-C₁₈)aryl or (C₆-C₁₈)aryl(C₁-C₁₂)alkyl, the ring formed by CR₆=CR₇ optionally being fused to (C₆-C₁₈)aryl, the ~~(the~~ aryl portions of these radicals optionally being substituted with halogen, nitro, hydroxyl, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkyl or optionally halogenated (C₁-C₁₂)alkoxy);
or a and ~~the~~ pharmaceutically acceptable ~~salts~~ salt thereof with an acid or base ~~acids or bases~~,
wherein the compounds having the following substituents it
~~being understood that the compounds correspond to one of the definitions (a) to (e) below are excluded: from the context of the invention: (a) X = S; n = 0; R₂ represents methyl and R₃ represents a hydrogen atom; and R₄ and R₅ together form a group -CR₆=CR₇- in which CR₆ is linked to X, R₆ and R₇ together form a -(CH₂)₃- or -(CH₂)₄- chain or alternatively R₆ represents a hydrogen atom or a propyl group and R₇ is a phenyl group optionally substituted with -OCH₃ or a hydroxyl group;~~
~~(b) n = 0 or 2; X = S; R₂ = R₃ = R₄ = H; R₅ = CH₃;~~
~~(c) n = 0; R₂ = H; R₃ = C₆H₅; R₄ = H or CH₃; X = S; R₅ = CH₃;~~
~~(d) n = 0 or 1; R₂ = optionally substituted phenyl; R₃ = R₄ = H; X = NT; T = H or CH₃; R₅ represents optionally substituted benzyl, CH₃ or phenethyl;~~
~~(e) n = 0; R₂ = R₃ = R₄ = H; X = NH; R₅ represents benzyl, phenethyl, hydroxyethyl or 3,4-dimethoxyphenethyl.~~

2. (Currently Amended) Compound A compound
 according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ X represents -NT in which T is as defined in Claim 1 and R₄ and R₅ ~~together form -CR₆=CR₇.~~

3. (Currently Amended) Compound A compound
 according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ R₃ represents a hydrogen atom.

4. (Currently Amended) Compound A compound

according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ R₂ represents a hydrogen atom or a (C₆-C₁₀)aryl group optionally substituted with halogen, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₆)alkyl, nitro or ~~and~~ hydroxyl.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Compound A~~ a compound according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ n is 0 or 1 and R₁ represents a halogen atom.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Compound A~~ a compound according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~

X represents S;

~~R₄ represents a hydrogen atom;~~

~~————— R₅ represents (C₁-C₆)alkyl; hydroxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl; (C₆-C₁₀)aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl; (C₅-C₈)cycloalkenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl; or isoxazolyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl optionally substituted with one or more (C₁-C₆)alkyls; —CH₂—CR_a=CR_bR_e in which R_a is a hydrogen atom, (C₁-C₆)alkyl or (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, R_b is (C₁-C₆)alkyl or a hydrogen atom and R_e represents a hydrogen atom or (C₂-C₁₀)alkenyl; a group —CH₂—CO—Z in which Z represents (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl or (C₆-C₁₀)aryl optionally fused to a 5- to 7-membered aromatic or unsaturated heterocycle; the aryl and heteroaryl portions of these radicals optionally being substituted with halogen, hydroxyl, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, nitro or (C₆-C₁₀)aryl (optionally substituted with halogen, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₆)alkyl, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₆)alkoxy or nitro); ————— or alternatively R₄ and R₅ together form a group —CR₆=CR₇— in which~~

R₆ represents a hydrogen atom, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl (optionally substituted with halogen, hydroxyl, nitro, (C₁-C₆)alkyl or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy), carboxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, that is optionally substituted with halogen, hydroxyl, nitro,

(C₁-C₆)alkyl or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy; and

R₇ represents a hydrogen atom; hydroxyl;
di(C₁-C₆)alkylamino(C₁-C₆)alkyl; (C₁-C₁₀)alkyl;
(C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl; (C₆-C₁₀)aryl; heteroaryl;
(C₆-C₁₀)aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl; the aryl and heteroaryl portions of
these radicals optionally being substituted with
(C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl, halogen, hydroxyl, (C₁-C₆)alkyl,
(C₆-C₁₀)aryl, which (C₆-C₁₀)aryl ~~(this radical is optionally~~
~~being~~ substituted with halogen, optionally halogenated
(C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy or nitro) ~~or (C₆-C₁₀)aryl fused to a~~
~~5- to 7-membered aromatic or unsaturated heterocycle~~
~~comprising one, two or three endocyclic hetero atoms chosen~~
~~from O, N and S; or alternatively R₆ and R₇ together form an~~
alkylene chain interrupted with a nitrogen atom optionally
substituted with (C₆-C₁₀)aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl in which the aryl
portion is optionally substituted with halogen, optionally
halogenated (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, hydroxyl or nitro.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Compound~~ A compound
according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ X
represents -NT; ~~and R₄ and R₅ together form a group -CR₆=CR₇ in~~
~~which~~ R₆ represents a hydrogen atom and R₇ represents hydroxyl
or (C₆-C₁₀)aryl optionally substituted with halogen, nitro,
hydroxyl, optionally halogenated (C₁-C₆)alkyl or (C₁-C₆)alkoxy.

8. (Currently Amended) Compound according to Claim
1, which is chosen from:

3-(biphenyl-4-yl)-5,6-dihydrothiazolo[2,3-b]-1,3-
benzodiazepine;

3-(2-furyl)-5,6-dihydrothiazolo[2,3-b]-1,3-
benzodiazepine;

3-[4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]-5,6-dihydrothiazolo-[2,3-
b]-1,3-benzodiazepine;

~~1-(2-furyl)-2-(4,5-dihydro-3H-1,3-benzodiazepine-2-~~

~~ylsulphamyl)ethanone;~~

~~1-(biphenyl-4-yl)-2-(4,5-dihydro-3H-1,3-benzodiazepine-2-ylsulphamyl)ethanone;~~

3-(biphenyl-3-yl)-5,6-dihydrothiazolo[2,3-b]-1,3-benzodiazepine;

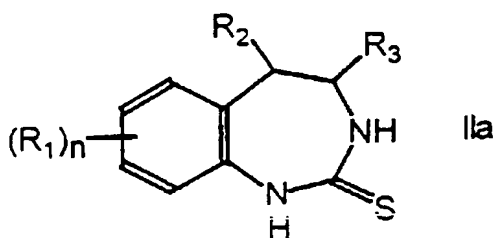
~~1-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2-(4,5-dihydro-3H-1,3-benzodiazepine-2-ylsulphamyl)ethanone;~~

3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-5,6-dihydrothiazolo[2,3-b]-1,3-benzodiazepine; or and

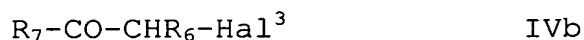
3-(biphenyl-4-yl)-7-chloro-5,6-dihydrothiazolo[2,3-b]-1,3-benzodiazepine.

9-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Process~~ A process for preparing a compound ~~compounds~~ of formula I according to Claim 1, in which X represents S and ~~R₄ and R₅ together form a group~~ ~~CR₆=CR₇~~, comprising reacting ~~the reaction of~~ a thione of formula IIa:



in which n, R₁, R₂ and R₃ are as defined in Claim 1, with an α-halo ketone of formula IVb:



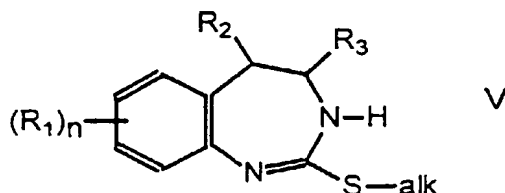
in which R₆ and R₇ are as defined in Claim 1, and Hal³ represents a halogen atom,

in a C₂-C₆ aliphatic carboxylic acid, at a temperature of ~~between 90 to and~~ 130°C.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Process A~~ process according to Claim 12, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the aliphatic carboxylic acid is acetic acid.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Process A~~ process according to Claim 12, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the temperature is maintained at ~~between 100 to and~~ 125°C.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Process A~~ process for preparing a compound ~~compounds~~ of formula I according to Claim 1, in which X represents -NH, ~~R₄ and R₅ together form a group~~ ~~-CR₆=CR₇-~~ and R₇ is not hydroxyl, comprising reacting the ~~reaction of~~ a sulphide of formula V:



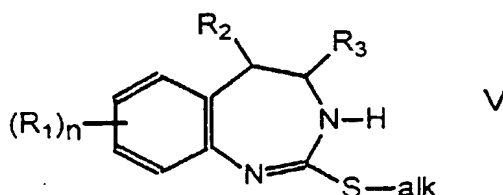
in which n, R₁, R₂ and R₃ are as defined in Claim 1, ~~R₄ and R₅ together form a -CR₆=CR₇- group~~ and alk represents (C₁-C₆)alkyl, with a protected compound derivative of a the ketone of formula VI:



VI

in which the carbonyl group is protected with a protecting group that is labile in an acidic medium, R₆ and R₇ being as defined in Claim 1, followed by treatment of the resulting compound with an acid.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Process A~~ A process for preparing a compound ~~compounds~~ of formula I according to Claim 1, in which X represents -NT in which T is not a hydrogen atom, ~~R₄ and R₅ together form a group -CR₆=CR₇~~, and R₇ represents hydroxyl, comprising reacting ~~the reaction of~~ a sulphide of formula V:



in which n, R₁, R₂ and R₃ are as defined in Claim 1, and alk represents (C₁-C₆)alkyl, with a compound ~~derivative~~ of formula VIII:



VIII

in which T and R₆ are as defined in Claim 1 and Y is a leaving group, at a temperature of ~~between 50 to and 150°C and preferably at a temperature of between 60 and 100°C.~~

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Process A~~ A process according to Claim 15, further ~~also~~ comprising reacting ~~the reaction of~~ the compound obtained ~~by carrying out the process of Claim 15,~~ with a halogenated reagent of formula Hal-T in which T represents (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl or (C₆-C₁₀)aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and Hal is a halogen atom, in the presence of a base, ~~so as to~~ synthesize a ~~the corresponding~~ compound of formula I in which T represents (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl or (C₆-C₁₀)aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Pharmaceutical A~~
~~pharmaceutical composition containing an effective amount of~~
~~at least one comprising a compound of formula (I) according to~~
~~Claim 1, in combination with at least one and a~~
pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a compound of~~
~~formula I according to Claim 1, for the preparation of a~~
~~medicinal product for preventing or~~ A method for treating
dyslipidaemia, atherosclerosis or and diabetes or ~~and its~~
complications thereof, comprising administering to a patient
in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to
claim 1.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A method for treating dyslipidaemia,
atherosclerosis or diabetes, comprising administering to a
patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound
according to claim 1.

22. (New) A process according to claim 16,
wherein the reaction is at a temperature of 60 to 100°C.

23. (New) A compound which is
3-(biphenyl-4-yl)-5,6-dihydrothiazolo[2,3-b]-1,3-
benzodiazepine;
3-(2-furyl)-5,6-dihydrothiazolo[2,3-b]-1,3-
benzodiazepine;
3-[4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]-5,6-dihydrothiazolo-[2,3-
b]-1,3-benzodiazepine;
1-(2-furyl)-2-(4,5-dihydro-3H-1,3-benzodiazepine-2-
ylsulphamyl)ethanone;
1-(biphenyl-4-yl)-2-(4,5-dihydro-3H-1,3-benzo-

diazepine-2-ylsulphamyl)ethanone;

3-(biphenyl-3-yl)-5,6-dihydrothiazolo[2,3-b]-1,3-benzodiazepine;

1-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2-(4,5-dihydro-3H-1,3-benzodiazepine-2-ylsulphamyl)ethanone;

3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-5,6-dihydrothiazolo[2,3-b]-1,3-benzodiazepine; or

3-(biphenyl-4-yl)-7-chloro-5,6-dihydrothiazolo[2,3-b]-1,3-benzodiazepine.

24. (New) A method for treating dyslipidaemia, atherosclerosis or diabetes, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to claim 23.

25. (New) A compound according to Claim 6, wherein R₆ represents a hydrogen atom, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, carboxy(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or (C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl.